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This news sheet being the last before the festive season, the committee wish to convey to all members the Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 1971. We would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, especially to those who have assisted in its running and/or have sent in reports.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups sixth A.G.M. will be held at 7 Cambridge Drive, Seven Kings, on Saturday, 23 January 1971 commencing at 1430. After the meeting there will be a colour slide show, free refreshments will be provided. A copy of the Group Annual Report for 1970 has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will be glad to answer members questions at this meeting.

Committee Membership

In accordance with the S.G.M. on Saturday 21 March 1970 we hereby invite applications for the post of fifth committee member for the coming year. The position during 1970 was held by Mr. Adams, but in accordance with the above meeting the position may be held by any Group member. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, the closing date will be 10 January 1971.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1526	LPU451J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1293	E.C.W.	B53F	18495
1527	LPU452J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1294	E.C.W.	B53F	18496

Delivery dates: 1526 - 12.70 1527 - 12.70

Withdrawn Vehicle

11.70 2369(VNO 864)

Rebuilt Vehicles

11.70 2602(185 XNO) to CLD37/16FD (see also NS75)

Several Bristol FLF's are in the process of having their rear destination indicators panelled over. This is to be standard policy for all double deckers and is being performed at the respective garages rather than at Central Works. Vehicles so far dealt with (11.70) are: 2814(GNO790B), 2818(HEV996B) and 2903(WVX530F).

Allocations & Transfers

12.70 306-MN, 346-BN, 392-HD, 393-CP, 413-D/L, 414-CP, 415-CP, 1221-D/L, 1246-CN, 1247-CF, 1314-MN, 1315-D/L, 1351-CN.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

19A To be withdrawn

74/A To be withdrawn

78/A Terminals to be Colchester (North Station) and Brightlingsea (Regent Road).

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- Limited stop journeys to be operated as service 478 to replace present service 74/A.
- 105 Sunday service to be withdrawn.
- 153 Terminals to be Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Grays (War Memorial). Service to be numbered 152 via Homesteads and 153 via Corringham. To operate from Orsett via Rectory Road, High Road, B188, A13 and A1013.
- 249 To be renumbered 156, service via Woodside Estate to be withdrawn.

General

The following Massey body numbers have been reported:

2012/3 - 2316/7	2016/7 - not carried
2014/5 - 2361/2	2018/9 - 2510/1

Following the serious derailment of a freight train at Harold Wood on the afternoon of Monday 30 November a railway emergency bus service was operated between Gidea Park and Shenfield. The situation lasted for several days. The Eastern National vehicles noted operating the service included the following:

308(WG), 310(WG), 364(CR), 383(HD), 412(WG), 1242(BD), 1411(BE), 1430(CF), 1439(WG), 1500(BD), 1610(SD), 2012(KN), 2359(BS), 2610(WG), 2734(CF), 2753(BE), 2813(CR), 2823(MN), 2839(CR), 2857(SD), 2906(BD).

In addition there were about twenty vehicles from Southend Corporation, four from London Country and many independent vehicles (operated by Heddingham & District, Theobald, Long Melford, Osborne, Tollesbury, City, Upminster etc.)

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Rebuilt Vehicles

It has been reported that all of 39-44 (OVX139-44D) have now been converted to H33/28RD, the conversions were performed by Southfields Coachworks of Loughborough.

General

The following Massey body numbers have been reported:

24-8 - 2403-7	36-8 - 2580-2
29-35 - 2512-8	39-44 - 2652/0/5/4/3/1

Service Revisions

The following service revision has recently been applied for:

7/A Revised route to operate in West Bergholt as follows:

As authorised to Pitts Corner thence Chapel Road to Chapel Road (Queens Road) returning via Lexden Road and Colchester Road. (service 7)

or, via Colchester Road to Lexden Road (Hall Road) returning via Lexden Road, Chapel Road and Colchester Road. (service 7A)

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

10.70	202(WHJ 428)	245(FOP 452)	247(FOP 340)
	244(FOP 429)	246(JVM 561)	

These withdrawals include the last of the open toppers.

Vehicles on hire

NLJ 267	Leyland PSU1/13	532049	Burlingham 5642	B42F	new	1953
NLJ 268	Leyland PSU1/13	532050	Burlingham 5643	B42F		

On hire from Bournemouth Corporation Transport (Nos. 89/90) from 11.70. These are being used for farebox experiments. They have been observed operating O.M.O. on services 4/A/B, 9/A/B and 18.

General

A special last run of a Daimler open topper was operated on 31.10.70. 246 left Southend (London Road) at 1445 and operated a return journey to Canvey (Leigh Beck) via South Benfleet (War Memorial). Over the section to South Benfleet all former Benfleet & District bus stops were observed and some of the more recent Eastern National stops omitted, the timings were as Benfleet & District. On the section to Canvey the blinds were rolled to blank and a sticker displayed on the front window showing the destination to simulate former Canvey & District practice of operation without blinds.